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Sir:

In response to the January 5, 2005 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant respectfully resubmits the following section in its entirety to conform with 37 C.F.R. 1.121:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

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